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93. (Newly Added) An immunoassay for the detection of HBsAg, which comprises contacting a sample with the monoclonal antibody of claim 4 or fragment or derivative thereof or a combination of two or more thereof, and detecting any resulting antigen-antibody complex.

94. (Newly Added) An immunoassay for the detection of HBsAg, which comprises contacting a sample with a monoclonal antibody of claim 5 or fragment or derivative thereof or a combination of two or more thereof, and detecting any resulting antigen-antibody complex.

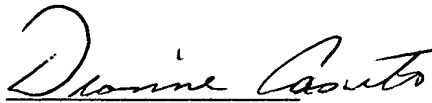
95. (Newly Added) An immunoassay for the detection of HBsAg, which comprises contacting a sample with a monoclonal antibody of claim 6 or fragment or derivative thereof or a combination of two or more thereof, and detecting any resulting antigen-antibody complex.

#### Remarks

The present amendment is filed prior to receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Claims 7, 19, 24, 25, 27, 32-37, 39, 41, and 44-58, have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 2-6, 10, 12, 16, 17, 20, 26, 28-31, 38, 40, and 42 have been amended. New claims 59-95 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, and the new claims find support in the specification as filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added and request entry of amended claims 2-6, 10, 12, 16, 17, 20, 26, 28-31, 38, 40, and 42 and new claims 59-95 into the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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